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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

September 04, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012
DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request Board approval authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County) to sign and accept a grant award in the amount of $910,000 from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 DNA Backlog Reduction Program (DNA Program).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for the County, to accept NIJ's FY 2012 DNA Program grant from NIJ for FY 2012-13 in the amount of $910,000 without a required match for the grant period from October 1, 2012, through March 31, 2014.

2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff to execute the Grant Award Agreement Number 2012-DN-BX-0060 (grant award agreement) and submit all grant documents, including applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, augmentations, extensions, and renewals.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The objectives of NIJ's FY 2012 DNA Program are to reduce the number of forensic cases awaiting DNA analysis in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) backlog, to assist

partnering outside police agencies with improving their DNA analysis capacity, and to improve DNA analysis capacity through equipment and supply purchases. To successfully achieve the objectives of this DNA Program, the Department will use the funds to reduce and prevent casework backlog through analyst overtime, to increase capacity of the biology section by purchasing equipment, and to provide required continuing education to the analysts.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan; Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness; and Goal 3, Integrated Services Delivery. With the grant funds directed toward assisting the Department in improving the operations of the Department's Crime Lab. The Department will be given the opportunity to complete its mission more effectively and efficiently, as well as maintain the safety and security of the residents of the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This is the ninth year of funding under this Program. The FY 2012-13 funding in the amount of $910,000 (Salaries and Employee Benefits - $221,798; Services and Supplies – $447,601; and Equipment - $240,601) is offset by Federal funds with no local match.

Funding for this program has been included in the Department's FY 2012-13 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 20, 2012, the Department submitted an application in response to NIJ's FY 2012 DNA Program grant solicitation. Upon review of the Department's application, NIJ selected the Department to be a grant recipient of $910,000 with no local match required.

The Grant Award Agreement will be in effect for 18 months from October 1, 2012, through March 31, 2014.

This Board letter has been reviewed by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The program may create workload increases for the County's justice departments as suspects are identified from offender databases and subsequently charged with a crime. The Department has made contact with each of the County justice departments. Upon reviewing the grant proposal, the District Attorney believes that there will be no impact while the Public Defender indicated that this program may create a negative impact as workload may increase for their department as suspects are identified and subsequently charged with a crime.

This grant funding will have a positive impact on current services by improving the capacity to analyze DNA.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return two individually certified copies of the adopted Board letter to the Department's Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA

Sheriff

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Enclosures

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding $100,000

Department: LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Grant Project Title and Description: FY 2012 DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM

The funding will be used to reduce the number of forensic cases awaiting DNA analysis, to reduce the total number of backlog, assist in improving the DNA analysis capacity, provide required continuing education to the analysts, and improve DNA analysis capacity through equipment and supply purchases.

Funding Agency National Institute of Justice	Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #) 2012-DN-BX-0060	Grant Acceptance Deadline September 18, 2012

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $910,000   **County Match:** None
Grant Period: 18-Months   **Begin Date:** October 1, 2012   **End Date:** March 31, 2014
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0   **Full Time:** 0   **Part Time:** 0

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?   Yes ___ No _X_

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?   Yes ___ No _X_

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?   Yes ___ No _X_

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

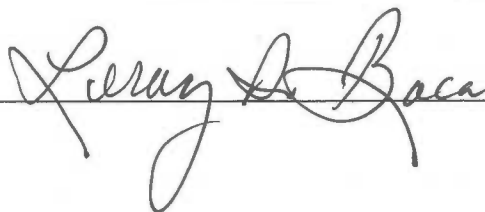   a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services   Yes ___ No _X_

     b). Identify other revenue sources   Yes ___ No _X_
(Describe)_____

     c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.   Yes ___ No _X_

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: None

Other requirements not mentioned above: None

Department Head Signature _____   Date _6/30/12_